

## ONE DEAD AND FIVE HURT IN JERSEY FIRE

Father, Who Enters Burning Building to Rescue Child, Loses Life in Flames.

### MOTHER FATALLY INJURED

**Ex-Chief Dauer Knocked Out by Falling Transformer—Leaky Stove Supposed to Have Caused Blaze.**

Hackensack, N. J., March 2.—One life was lost in a fire early this morning which totally destroyed what was known as the Triangle Building, at Ridgedale Park, near here. Three other persons were severely injured in jumping from the burning structure.

The dead: STEPHENS, Edwin R., forty-eight years.

The injured:

CHATTERTON, William, thirty years old; arms cut to glass.

DAUER, Henry, one slight internal injury.

STEPHENS, Mrs. Lillian, broken back and fractured leg; may die.

STEPHENS, Blechel, twelve years; broken ankle.

STEPHENS, Jeanette, seven years; face cut and legs broken.

Edwin R. Stephens, with his wife and five children, the youngest three months old, occupied apartments on the second floor. When the fire was discovered, at 2 o'clock, by the tower man at the railroad crossing near by, it seemed as though the second floor was a mass of flames and all chance of the family's escape by the stairs was cut off.

William Chatterton was among the first to arrive. He broke into the building, ran upstairs and returned with two of the Stephens boys. One outside, the older boy, Herbert, looked up and saw his mother at the window with the baby. In response to his directions, Mrs. Stephens reached far out and dropped the infant, which her son caught safely. The flames were then so close behind her that Mrs. Stephens, insane from fright, leaped from the window sill. Her back was broken and one of her legs was fractured. Two other children, Richard and Beatrice, also jumped from windows and were picked up unconscious and with broken legs.

Stephens had got to the street, and did not know that the boys had escaped. Before the crowd realized what was happening he had dashed by the firemen into the building. His charred body was found hours later in the cellar.

Twice before this Stephens had gone into the building in an effort to get his valuable papers.

His heavy fire helmet probably saved the life of ex-Chief Dauer, when a heavy transformer fell from a burning telegraph pole and landed on his head. The blow stunned him and the steel framework of the mechanism cut deep gashes in his right shoulder and arm.

A stove in the store on the first door is supposed to have caused the fire.

### STOLE FROM POOR BOX

**Man Arrested by Priest Pleads Guilty in Court.**

Joseph Fenton, a carpenter of New Haven, pleaded guilty in the men's night court last night to stealing 65 cents from the poor box of the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, 6th street and Lexington avenue. The man, who was arrested in the afternoon by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, was held in \$1,000 bail for trial in Special Sessions.

Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Father Fitzgerald saw Fenton at the poor box, poking something in the slot. Fenton had a coat on the end of which was a piece of chewing gum. The steel he would insert in the box and then withdraw it, a coin generally adhering to the gum.

### THREAT MADE IN COURT

**Man Held for Trying to Intimidate Date Witness.**

George McCarthy, brother of Martha McCarthy, of No. 155 Second avenue, a material witness in the shooting of Patrolman Stephen B. McManus, was held without bail by Magistrate Appleton, in the Harlem court, on a charge of attempting to intimidate Mrs. John T. Higgins, whose husband is alleged to have shot the patrolman. With the exception of McManus, who is in Flower Hospital, hovering between life and death, the others were in court for a hearing. According to Mrs. Higgins, McCarthy declared:

"I'll fix you—I'll break your face."

Before McCarthy had a chance to carry out his threat Mrs. Higgins informed the magistrate of the episode, and he ordered McCarthy placed under arrest.

McManus, who is attached to the East 4th street police station, received what is feared to be a fatal bullet wound while attempting to get Higgins, who was in Miss McCarthy's apartment, to pay his wife \$6, which the court had ordered.

Mrs. Higgins, who lives at No. 29 East 5th street, feared to face her husband alone and asked the patrolmen to accompany her. Patrolman John Loughran placed Higgins under arrest on a charge of felonious assault.

Both Higgins and Miss McCarthy were held without bail.

### CLASH OVER FLUSHING PLUM

**Congressmen O'Leary and Brown Want to Name New Postmaster.**

On the eve of his departure to take his seat in the House of Representatives, Congressman Dennis O'Leary, of the 2d District of Queens, sent a letter to United States Senator O'Gorman claiming the right to name the man to succeed Thomas B. Lowrance as postmaster of Flushing, one of the best paying postoffices in Queens.

O'Leary presented the name of James J. Ryan, of Flushing, for the post, notifying Senator O'Gorman that Mr. Ryan had received the endorsement of the Democratic organization of Queens.

Congressman Lathrop Brown, who represents the 1st District, in which the post-office is actually located, has also gone to Washington to name the new postmaster. Lathrop, Masseth, Woodside, Winfield, Laurel Hill and Billeside, all in O'Leary's district, receive their mail from the Flushing general postoffice. Representing this greater territory, O'Leary thinks he is entitled to name the postmaster.

### VICTIMS AND HERO OF THE HACKENSACK FIRE.

Edwin R. Stephens, who perished in the flames; Mrs. Lillian Stephens, who jumped from a window and may die from her injuries, and their son, Herbert Stephens, who caught the baby thrown from the window before she jumped.



### HUNDREDS SHIVER AT WEST SIDE BLAZE

**Scores of Families Driven Into Icy Gale When Fire Menaces Homes.**

### KENLON SOUNDS 4TH ALARM

**Frozen Hydrants Delay Firemen in Conquering Flames That Practically Destroy Building in 53d Street.**

Two hundred families were forced out of their homes late last night as the result of the terrific heat due to a fire which occurred in the five story brick building at No. 537 to 547 West 53d street. The heat was so intense that the firemen had to work in short relays to keep the hose playing on the blaze. Four alarms were turned in in rapid succession, and after two hours of hard work the firemen extinguished the flames with a loss estimated at \$10,000.

At one time the fire threatened to spread to several tenement houses. East of the burning structure is the Tenth avenue car line stable. Many flying embers fell on this building, but the firemen kept streams playing on the structure and the tenement houses and thus prevented a serious fire.

When the firemen arrived almost all of the hydrants in the immediate neighborhood were frozen, and it was almost ten minutes before water was available.

When it became known that the fire was likely to spread the police ordered the tenants out from nearby buildings. Men, women and children, thirty and were forced out of their comfortable quarters into the street, where an Arctic wind was blowing at least seventy miles an hour.

### Saloonekeepers Help.

Several saloonekeepers, with the consent of the police, opened their stores and sheltered the shivering tenants. They were supplied with coffee and kept inside until the fire was under control.

The cold also handicapped the firemen as fast as the water struck the burning structure it froze against the walls. Long strings of icicles hung from all over the building.

Patrolman Mitchell, of the West 4th street station, discovered smoke coming from the top floor of the building. The first three floors were occupied by Hayden & Co., dealers in furniture, draperies and upholsteries. A. Kimball & Son, cabinet makers, rented the other two floors.

An alarm sent in by Mitchell brought Chief Burns to the scene. When he arrived the building was enveloped in flames and he sent in a second alarm, bringing Chief Kenlon. The firemen were having trouble in getting the water started, and fearing the fire would spread to adjoining buildings, the chief sent in third and fourth alarms, bringing out practically all of the fire apparatus in the upper West Side and part of Harlem.

### Drown Out the Flames.

With three hundred men under him, Chief Kenlon stationed them at posts of vantage about the building and with a deluge of water pouring on the burning structure the firemen soon had the blaze under control.

Thousands of persons were attracted to the fire. Inspector Dwyer, who was in charge of the reserves from the West 4th, West 5th and West 6th street police stations, estimated there were fully ten thousand persons watching the blaze.

The origin of the fire could not be ascertained. Chief Kenlon was of the opinion that it must have been smoldering for some time before it was discovered. He declared it was one of the worst fires he had to fight since he became head of the department. The streets for several blocks were covered with hand baggage, trunks and portable property abandoned by the fleeing tenants. Most of this was gathered up by the police and restored to the owners.

**EVERYMAN" REVIVAL MONDAY.** The first performance of the Liebler's company's revival of "Everyman," at the Children's Theatre, will be given next Monday evening. The performance will be repeated every evening and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock. Miss Edith Wynne Mathison will appear in her original part of Everyman.

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### TAXI OWNERS HELD FOR JEWEL ROBBERY

**Prisoners Deny Complicity in Affair, but Police Say They Told Conflicting Stories.**

### ONE ARRESTED IN BED

**Detectives Sure They Are on Right Track—Ammonia Used to Blind Jeweller Was Purchased in Newark.**

The owners of the machine which was used by the band that robbed Moses Bach of \$600 worth of jewelry as he was closing his store Saturday at midnight were held without bail for further examination to-morrow morning by Magistrate Butts in the West Side Court, yesterday. They were accused of having been implicated in the city's latest taxicab robbery.

Both prisoners deny any complicity, but Acting Captain Thomas Tunney, in charge of the detectives working on the case, and his assistant, Lieutenant Daniel A. Kerr, both believe they have the case nearly solved.

"It was one of the boldest robberies that has so far come to my attention," said Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty, who assumed personal charge of the case before it was two hours old. "But I feel very confident that we are on the right track."

The prisoners are George G. Ferguson, of No. 390 Lexington avenue, who drove the taxicab, and his partner, William Anders, of No. 12 East 12th street. Ferguson is said to have purchased ammonia from another of the three robbers.

The two men told conflicting stories, according to the police, and this, taken together with the apparent disguising of the license numbers on the taxicab, caused the police to believe that their prisoners are not telling all that they know.

Bach declared that Ferguson looked very much like one of the three robbers who entered his store just as he was closing on Saturday night, and Anders, who has not yet been seen by Bach, answered the description given by the jeweler of another of the three robbers.

Ferguson insists there were only two robbers, and that they engaged his taxicab at the Harlem depot of the New York Central Railroad at 9:15 o'clock Saturday night, and told him to drive to 14th street and Broadway. He denied he was working with the robbers, or that he thought it at all strange when his fares dumped a trayful of diamonds and watches and rings and other bits of jewelry into the taxicab. He also maintained he did not see one of the robbers twice when taken to the 14th Street Hospital.

Elliott, according to his wife, had been suffering from nervousness for two years, having failed in health while manager of Martin Beck's Orpheum Theatre, in Port Huron, Mich. Although he had been under treatment, his condition had not improved, and he became despondent.

Kenlon sounds 4th alarm

**Will Finish \$4,000,000 Aqueduct Job This Summer.**

A decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court will be filed in the Westchester County Attorney's office at White Plains to-day unanimously affirming the decision of Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, of Nyack, in the appointment of two receivers for the Thomas McNally Company, which had a \$4,000,000 section of the Catskill Aqueduct to construct.

The company failed, and four years ago Justice Tompkins appointed ex-Governor E. B. Odell, Jr., and William E. Paine as receivers. Last August the Georgia-Florida Lumber Company, a large creditor of the McNally company, made a motion to vacate the appointment of the receivers and to reinstate an attachment against the property of the McNally company in favor of the Georgia-Florida Lumber Company, of which Mr. Paine, one of the receivers, was president. The attachment was removed after it had been filed by the Catskill Aqueduct to construct.

Simultaneous with the filing of the Appellate Division decision an order of Justice Tompkins will also be filed reuniting Mr. Paine as one of the receivers. The big contract of the company since Mr. Paine's removal has been looked after principally by ex-governor Odell, and the work will be completed during the summer.

**WILL TAX CEMETERIES**

**Queens Interests Have Bill to Assess These Corporations.**

With more than thirty-five thousand burials a year being made in Queens and with the constant increasing of cemetery holdings, which under the law are exempt from taxation, the entire property holding interests are greatly interested in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Bernard M. Patten of Long Island City, providing for the taxing and assessing of the cemetery holdings.

More than two thousand acres in Queens are taken up by cemeteries, many of them owned by stock companies which pay big dividends on their investment. In the 5d Ward 1,558 acres are taken up by cemeteries, which pay nothing in taxes. In other sections local improvements are held up by the fact that the cemeteries either own one side or both sides of some important roadway.

It is said that many of the corporation stock owned cemeteries in Queens annually pay at least 100 per cent on their investment. The proposed measure has been endorsed by the different civic associations throughout Queens and the cemeteries are preparing to fight the bill.

These cemeteries were incorporated under the rural cemetery act passed more than sixty years ago, to protect the original small graveyards attached to the oldtime village church.

**VOLUNTEER CHAUFFEUR HELD**

**Owner of Automobile Accused Him of Stealing Car Left in Street.**

On complaint of William Croxton, a builder, of No. 40 Riverside Drive, Samuel Crocker, a machinist, of 2nd Avenue, N. Y., was held in \$1,500 bail by Magistrate Herbert in the Mortgagors court yesterday on a charge of stealing an automobile. Mr. Croxton told the court the machine had been stolen from in front of No. 54 Westchester avenue.

Detectives from the Morrisania police station testified that early yesterday morning they received word that the machine reported lost by Mr. Croxton was at the Bronx Park police station and that the driver was under arrest. In his defense Crocker said he was in a car at 2nd Avenue and Westchester, and had volunteered to act as a driver for two men in an automobile.

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**FIGHT IN SUBWAY FATAL**

**Court, Ignorant of Old Man's Death, Sends Young Assailant to Tombs.**

Patrick Barry, seventy-two years old, of No. 20 Willis avenue, The Bronx, died in the Hudson Street Hospital yesterday morning from injuries received in a fight with a young Italian at the Canal street subway station Saturday afternoon. Angelo Guerra, his assailant, was arraigned in the Tombs court yesterday morning and remained to jail to await the results of the old man's injuries. It was not known then that he had died half an hour before Guerra's case was called.

Guerra was arrested by Detective Becker of the Elizabeth street station shortly after he had engaged in a tussle with Barry. Barry was found unconscious from the blow received by his fall on the cement floor when he was thrown. His skull was fractured at the base and he did not regain his senses.

Guerra received the news of Barry's death with perfect composure.

**B. & O. TO ISSUE BONDS**

**Maryland P. S. C. for Plan and Subscriptions Are Being Accepted.**

The Public Service Commission of Maryland passed an order on Friday approving the proposed issue of the twenty-year 4½ per cent convertible gold bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and the issue of common stock required for conversion purposes. The company is proceeding with the issue and is accepting subscriptions and delivering the subscription receipts.

In view of the pending appeal taken by the commission from the order of Judge Gorter, the determination of the appeal, when the order approving the issue of the bonds becomes effective, irrespective of the way the appeal may be determined.

The company expects to deliver the bonds at the date of payment of last instalment, on May 15, 1913, as originally contemplated.

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